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SUBJECT: S & T AGREEMENT: SECOND JOINT COMMISSION MEETING

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1. OWING TO LONG SICK-LEAVE OF KIRILLIN FROM HIS DUTIES AT SCST, KIRILLIN HAS NOT YET BEGUN TO FOCUS ON SECOND JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. IN PARTICULAR, DATES SUGGESTED BY US SIDE (NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 5) STILL HAVE NOT BEEN DEFINITELY ACCEPTED BY SOVIET SIDE, ALTHOUGH OTHER SCST OFFICIALS FEEL THAT THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM WITH THESE DATES. FACT THAT LAST DAY OF SUGGESTED PERIOD (DEC 5) IS SOVIET HOLIDAY IS NOT REGARDED BY BERDENNIKOV AS OF ANY CONSEQUENCE IN SENSE OF AFFECTING ACCEPTABILITY BY SOVIETS. IT HAS BEEN STRESSED BY SCST THAT KIRILLIN IS ONLY PERSON WHO CAN MAKE DECISION RE TIMING, BECAUSE HE IS DETERMINED TO BE CO-CHAIRMAN OF MEETING THIS TIME TO OFFSET THE EMBARRASMENTS CAUSED EARLIER BY THE SEVERAL POSTPONEMENTS OF FIRST SESSION AND HIS ULTIMATE INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE.

2. SCST HAS REPORTED THAT, DESPITE EARLIER STATEMENT THAT NO PROPOSALS FOR NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

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AT SECOND MEETING, SCST IS RECEIVING STRONG LOBBYING FROM

MINISTRY OF COAL INDUSTRY FOR INTRODUCTION OF NEW COOPERATIVE AREA IN WHICH MINISTRY COULD PARTICIPATE. PRONSKIY AND BERDENNIKOV, APPARENTLY, ARE ATTEMPTING TO RESIST THIS LOBBYING EFFORT FOR REASONS ALREADY OUTLINED IN PARA THREE REF B.

3. RE SUGGESTED AGENDA (PARA 3, REF A), SOVIET SIDE ACCEPTS US PROPOSAL, WITH SINGLE RECOMMENDATION THAT AGENDA ITEM "SCIENCE INFORMATION SYMPOSIUMS" BE CHANGED TO READ "SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION". (SOVIETS POINT OUT THAT "SYMPOSIUMS" DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN AREA, AND COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY UNDER THIS TOPIC IS BROADER THAN ONLY CONDUCTING SYMPOSIUMS.) ALSO, IN REPORT OF FIRST MEETING OF WORKING GROUP IN STANDARDS AND STANDARDIZATION (AS WELL AS IN RECORD OF MEETING SIGNED DURING DR ROBERT'S RECENT VISIT TO USSR), TERMINOLOGY "METROLOGY AND STANDARDIZATION" WAS USED. BOTH SIDES OF THE WORKING GROUP IN THIS AREA PREFER LATTER DESIGNATION, SUBJECT TO JOINT COMMISSION APPROVAL.

4. BERDENNIKOV INDICATED THAT SOVIET SIDE BELIEVES THAT COOPERATIVE AREAS SUCH AS DSDP, TRANSPORTATION, AND PERHAPS FORESTRY SHOULD BE ELIMINATED FROM S & T AGREEMENT AND BE PLACED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF THE RELEVANT AGREEMENTS SIGNED AT JUNE, 1973 SUMMIT. BERDENNIKOV SUGGESTS SUCH WORDING AS "THE JOINT COMMISSION NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE SIGNING OF IMPORTANT NEW AGREEMENTS IN THE FIELDS OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND TRANSPORTATION AT THE SUMMIT MEETING IN JUNE, 1973, AND HAS AGREED THAT THE COOPERATIVE AREAS.....SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF THESE NEW AGREEMENTS."

5. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FOR POST-MEETING TRAVEL, SCST BELIEVES THAT ONLY ONE OTHER CITY (PERHAPS TWO) OTHER THAN MOSCOW CAN BE VISITED. FROM SCIENTIFIC STAND-POINT, CHOICE IS MORE OR LESS NARROWED DOWN TO KIEV AND/OR LENINGRAD. UNDEPENDABILITY OF FLIGHTS TO SIBERIA DURING WINTER (AS WELL AS DISTANCE) RULE OUT NOVOSIBIRSK.
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